

FAX COPY RECEIVED

FEB 24 1997

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP 3300

EXAMINING GROUP 330

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bruce C. Johnson
 Serial No. : ~~6843344~~ 874781
 Filed : March 14, 1996
 For : NASAL DILATOR
 Docket No. : C348.12-0011

Group Art Unit: 3312
 Examiner: K. Asher

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

BOX AF
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 1997. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims as indicated:

1. (Twice Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:
- a flexible, unitary truss member having [a normally, substantially planar] an initial state absent flexure thereof, the unitary truss member including:
 - a first end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;
 - a second end region adapted to engage the outer wall tissue of a second nasal passage;
 - an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of a nose located between the first and second nasal passages, the inherent tendency of the truss member to return to its [normally planar] initial state

11/06/1997 MPEOPLES 00000061 DAB:110982 08615814
 01 FC:203 253.00 CH

Adjustment date: 06/17/1998 DHARRIGA
 11/06/1997 MPEOPLES 00000061 110982 08615814
 01 FC:203 253.00 CR

paper kept
 for financial
 record